

Press Release

Geneseo Police Recognized for Sex Offender Management Keeping Communities Safe Using Best Practices

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK – APRIL 04, 2011 The Geneseo Police Department has been certified by the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (Association) in a special sex offender management program. The certification recognizes that Geneseo Police are employing proactive and sound practices in managing sex offenders in their community. The “Certified Best Practices” program was launched about three years ago to recognize police agencies using proven strategies to monitor sex offenders, provide community notification and conduct enforcement. Association Executive Director John P. Grebert said, “For several years, managing sex offenders has become an important function of law enforcement. Police are on the front lines in ensuring that offenders comply with the law and that citizens are informed about certain offenders living in their communities.”



Association President Margaret E. Ryan (Dryden PD) said, “We commend the members of the Geneseo Police Department for the excellent work they do in managing sex offenders in their community.”

The policies and operations of the Geneseo Police Department were assessed and found to be in compliance with the elements of the Best Practices program. In addition to having a written policy pertaining to sex offender management, they were also required to provide proof of monitoring of offenders, community notification, cooperation with other agencies, and enforcement.

Police Chief Eric G. Osganian said, “We are honored and delighted that our policies and procedures for making sex offender notifications satisfies the Best Practices Certification Standards of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police. The Geneseo Police Department believes it is important to provide the public with as much information that is allowed under the law in order to keep our community safe.”

The Association's director of research, development and training, Mark Spawn noted that the Best Practices program takes several factors into consideration. "This program identifies important aspects of sex offender registration and gives agencies the ability to have an external validation of their processes."

Chief Osganian was presented with the certificate from the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police at a press conference at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 4, 2011 at the Geneseo Police Department at 119 Main Street in Geneseo, New York.



From left: Geneseo Mayor Richard B. Hatheway, Police Chief Eric Osganian, and Research Director Mark Spawn of the NYS Assn. of Chiefs of Police, during a press event at the Geneseo Village Hall.

Geneseo Police join the ranks of 31 other agencies throughout New York State that have been certified. The Association's program was highlighted at a National Symposium on Sex Offender Management in Houston in April 2009.